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TO : Department of State

INFO : CINCSO FOR POLAD, Amembassies TEGUCIGALPA, SAN SALVADOR, MANAGUA, SAN JOSE, DOD

FROM : Amembassy GUATEMALA

SUBJECT: Weekly Internal Security Report: August 25 - 31, 1967

REF :

1. The biggest news of the week was a shootout August 25 between insurgents and police in Zone 1 of the capital near the Embassy chancery. Two terrorists were killed and 2 policemen wounded. The fracas began when a police patrol car was fired on. Because the incident occurred in a downtown location and involved large numbers of security forces, it received wide press coverage.

2. The guerrillas were the probable authors of another attack on the police - this one on August 31 in Zone 7 of the capital. A large home-made time-bomb, which had been buried in a soccer field where the Fourth Corps of the National Police drilled, exploded. It caused no injuries which police attributed to the fact that it was too deeply buried.

3. Additional activity was also plentiful and included among other things: reported kidnapping of 9 more people; the discovery of 16 more assassinated bodies, including 7 in Zacapa with the left hand missing; another bomb. (See enclosure)

4. The rightist propaganda machine went back into action. Flyers were distributed threatening 62 persons in Quezaltenango and 18 in Retalhuleu.

5. Comment: The insurgents have been quiet for a number of weeks and the recent incidents may indicate they have decided to step up their terrorism. There is no indication of any increase in either strength, or fundamental strategy. Terrorist actions, such as this week's, can be executed by a small force and may be expected to occur from time to time as long as there is an insurgent threat in Guatemala.

Enclosure - List of Incidents

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LIST OF INCIDENTS

- Aug. 24 - Alleged guerrilla instructor captured by police in Zone 10. He was Rolando Rivera de Valle. His capture was described by press as a major blow to the insurgents.
- 25 - Police radio-patrol car attacked in Zone 1 of capital. Occupants returned fire and called reinforcements. Two presumed guerrillas, Julio Lemus Chavarria and Plinio Castillo Aguilar, were dead. Both were identified as FAR activists by press.
- 25 - Finca administrator kidnapped by four masked men from Finca Tehuan-tepec, La Democracia, Dept. Escuintla. No political motive known.
- O/A 26 - Sixty-two persons from Dept. Quezaltenango threatened by flyer signed CADEG.
- 26 - Carlos Eberto de Leon, 21, kidnapped in the Calle Marti by 2 armed men according to mother. No political motive known.
- 28 - Radio commentator, Luis Alberto Garcia Alvarez, taken from home by 8 to 10 men in civilian dress with machineguns.
- O/A 28 - Body found, shot, in Pajapita, Dept. San Marcos. Identified as Hipolito Coronado Guzman. Press reports said he had been kidnapped from his house a few days previously.
- O/A 28 - Unidentified body, shot to death, found at Los Amates, Dept. Izabal. No political motive known.
- 28 - Bomb causes little damage at Echeverria building in Zone 1. No political motive known.
- 28 - Eighteen persons from Retalhuleu region threatened by list signed by CADEG, NOA, ASA, CRAG, RAYO, and MANO. This is first such flyer to be signed by the right wing clandestine organizations acting together.
- O/A 28 - Seven bodies found near Honduran border, Dept. Zacapa. All had been shot and left hand had been cut off. No political motive known.
- O/A 28 - Unidentified body found shot to death in San Francisco Madre Vieja, Tiquisate, Dept. Escuintla. No political motive known.
- 29 - Five brothers kidnapped from home in Zone 2 by well armed band. They were all from family Rosales Hernandez.

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